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In July 2013, the NIF has entered an agreement with the Continental Disc (CD) to improve the fatigue life of the rupture panel with a series of experiments. In the **Phase I** of the experiment, the CD has agreed:

1. to precision-grind the rotary score blade, with a concentricity of less than 0.0005" (12.7 μm), and to provide a 0.003" to 0.005" (76 to 127 μm) radius on the scoring edge,
2. to precision-grind the new score anvil with a concentricity of less than 0.0005" (12.7 μm),
3. to use the 50-ton rotary score press (RSP-HYP-50T) for scoring,
4. to achieve a minimum un-scored depth of 100 μm using a 4"-wide, 30"-long, and 0.010"-thick AA3003-H14 strip.

This memo summarizes the result of our measurements on the 1st strip we received on Oct. 9, 2013 from the CD.

Results and Discussions

We sectioned 35 locations along the scored strip at 1" increment starting at 1/2" from the beginning of the scored line. **Figure 1** shows a typical cross-section of three grooves in this strip and the definitions of measurements conducted on these three grooves.

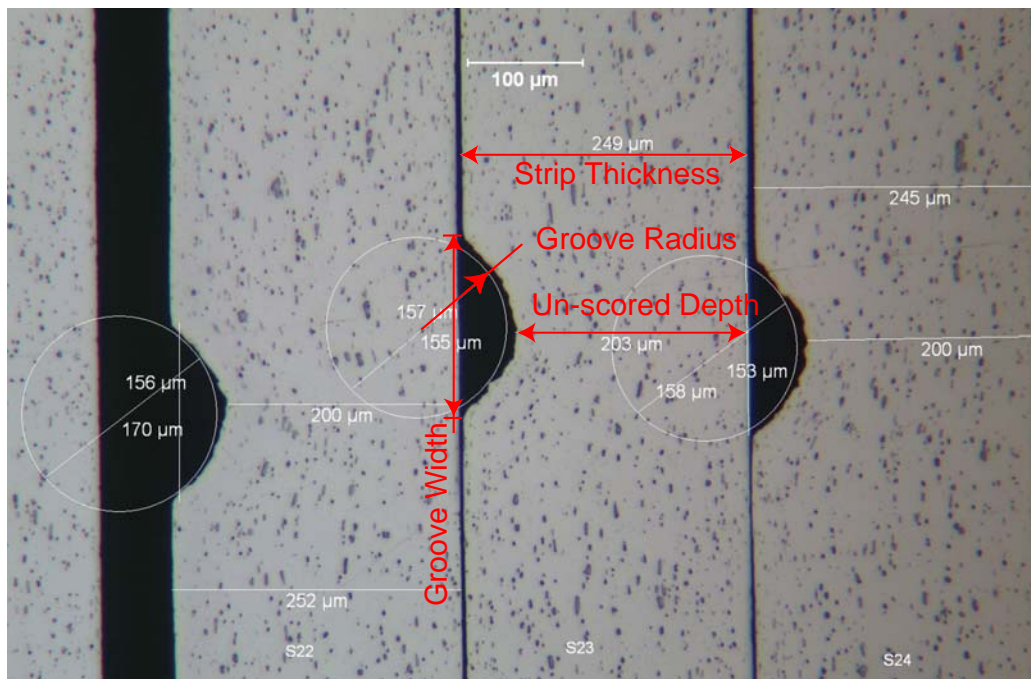


Figure 1 A typical example of three grooves in this strip and the definitions of measurements conducted on these three grooves.

Table I lists the un-scored depth, groove width, groove radius, and strip thickness of these 35 locations along the scored line. The average un-scored depth is 21921 μm with a standard deviation of 9.8 μm . Evidently, this is far greater than the 100 μm as the targeted un-scored depth.

Table I The un-scored depth, groove width, groove radius, and strip thickness of these 35 locations along the scored strip.

Distance from the Start (inch)	Un-scored Depth (μm)	Groove Width (μm)	Groove Radius (μm)	Strip Thickness (μm)
0.5	222	110	72	247
1	225	107	72	249
2	230	93	64	248
3	218	104	55	247
4	218	126	63	249
5	200	149	63	247
6	204	139	43	247
7	218	116	52	250
8	227	95	50	248
9	228	109	61	255
10	221	111	69	249
11	214	214	69	250
12	218	111	69	249
13	226	98	68	250
14	228	90	65	250
15	226	112	74	249
16	208	128	53	247
17	210	144	79	251
18	225	110	61	249
19	222	99	34	249
20	217	119	70	249
21	213	131	76	249
22	200	170	78	252
23	203	155	79	249
24	200	153	79	247
25	220	113	64	250
26	230	90	64	248
27	232	94	66	249
28	227	98	66	250
29	216	130	75	249
30	204	144	84	250
31	213	123	81	250
32	224	112	74	249
33	229	92	59	249
34	232	86	60	246
Average	219	119	66	249
STD	9.8	26.9	11.0	1.7

Figure 2 shows the variation of the un-scored depth along the scored line. The difference in peak-to-valley un-scored depth appears to be around 30 μm (0.0012"), and repeated at an interval of every 5.5" along the scored line. For comparison, **Table II** lists the un-scored depth of panels we measured in the past three year from various fracture panels. It shows that the current tooling and scribing practice did offer some improvement in reducing the variation in un-scored depth. However, the **Non-failed Panels**, as shown in **Table II**, did achieve a smaller variation in un-scored depth. It will be valuable to find out how these

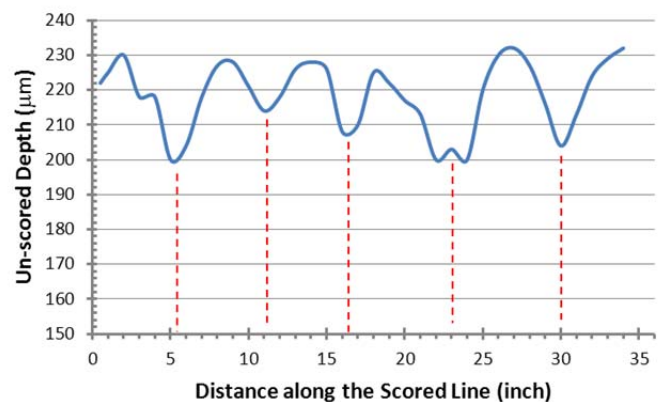


Figure 2 The variation in un-scored depth along the scored line.

small variations were achieved during the scoring at CD in 2011 or earlier.

Table II The un-scored depth of panels we measured in the past three years at NIF.

	Panel ID	Serial Number	Batch Number	Date Removed from Service	Un-scored Thickness (μm)	Standard Deviation (μm)
Failed Panels	# 4	AAA02-101378-OA-033	CDC8008595	4/5/2011	100.2	7.8
	# 5	AAA02-101378-OA-021	CDC8121612	2/16/2012	98.8	12.6
	# 6	AAA02-101378-OA-026	CDC8121612	2/16/2012	94.7	10.2
	# 7	AAA02-101378-OA- ?	CDC8121612	March 2012	89.1	12.5
	M1	AAA02-101378-OA-0427	CDC8194597	12/1/2012	94.8	12.7
	M2	AAA02-101378-OA-0434	CDC8194597	12/1/2012	95.1	12.3
Non-failed Panels	Q33T	AAA02-101378-OA-066	CDC8012519	March 2011	103.7	4.9
	Q45B(1)	AAA02-101378-OA-067	CDC8012519	4/5/2011	104.4	7.0
	Q45B(2)	AAA02-101378-OA-079	CDC8012519	3/26/2011	103.6	6.4
	TSA25	AAA02-101378-OA-126	CDC8011653	March 2011	96.3	8.0
	Q23T	AAA02-101378-OA-185		Feb 2012	96.7	9.1
New Panels*	N1 (FY11)	AAA02-101378-OA-0424	CDC8194597		93.6	12.1
	N2 (FY11)	AAA02-101378-OA-0428	CDC8194597		91.9	14.6
	N3 (FY09)	AAA02-101378-OA-024	CDC8133312		78.5	6.4
	N4	AAA02-101378-OA-169	CDC8011653		92.4	10.5

* These new panels were never installed. They were sectioned to check the scribing condition.

Due to the smaller un-scored depth, these panels were predicted to fail early.

Conclusions

- It is evident that the un-scored depth in this strip is much greater than the targeted 100 μm. Several iterations in scribing will be necessary to achieve the targeted depth.
- The variation in un-scored depth is around 30 μm (0.0012"). It will be interesting to compare the actual concentricity measurements on the scoring wheel and the anvil.